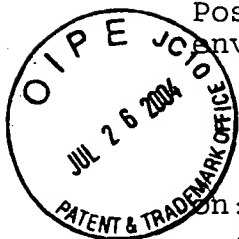


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Amendment and Response

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Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004.

Claims 9-14 have been withdrawn as claiming non-elected subject matter. At the time of allowance of claims under consideration, the non-elected claims will be cancelled with reservation of rights to file continuation applications on the non-elected subject matter.

The amended first page of the specification as amended follows the claims.